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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 11, 13 and 14 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

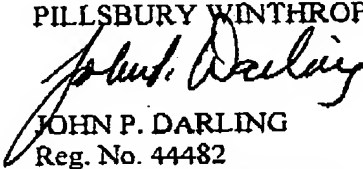
Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 14-17 are allowed and that claims 3, 6-10, 12 and 13 will be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into independent claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into independent claim 11.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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